AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 15 with the following amended paragraph:

With reference to Figure 6, when the coded bit stream is inputted to a decoder of the destination, the demixer 33 of the decoder partitions the coded bit stream into a plurality of partitions 1, 2, and 3 202, 203 and 204 by using the size ~~iformation~~ information of each partition 1~3 203~205 stored in the partition table 202, and outputs them to the channel coder 22.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

Meanwhile, in case the one ~~petition~~ partition is formed with a plurality of blocks, an information bit amount and an additional bit amount are computed in the following manner.